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REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claim 19.

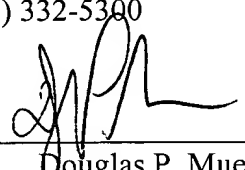
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371.5237.

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19. (Amended) An optical head device comprising two light sources, a focusing means for focusing light beams emitted from the two light sources onto an information medium surface through first and second optical disk substrates each having a thickness corresponding to the respective light sources, a light flux separating means for separating light fluxes modulated at the information medium, and a light receiving means for receiving the light beams modulated at the information medium, wherein the focusing means is the objective lens for an optical disk according to claim 1 [, 7, or 12].